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SUBJECT: AIDSAT DEMO: SPACE AGE TECHNOLOGIES

DEPT PASS AID/IDC FOR WILHELM

FREETOWN FOR AMBASSADOR SAMUELS

REF: (A) FREETOWN 2012, (B) STATE 113800

1. I MET WITH MANO RIVER UNION SECRETARY GENERAL BRIGHT JULY 6 AND OUTLINED TO HIM IN GENERAL TERMS OUR PROPOSAL TO TWO GOVERNMENTS ON ABOVE SUBJECT. I ALSO PASSED ON TO HIM AMBASSADOR SAMUELS' MESSAGE (FREETOWN 2012).

2. BRIGHT ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH TWO PRESIDENTS AND THAT HE WOULD STRESS NEED FOR EARLY DECISION ON PARTICIPATION AND LOCATION OF TRANSMITTER. HIS OWN PERSONAL COMMENT WAS A PLEA FOR EARLY COMMITMENT TO SOME CONCRETE FOLLOW-ON FROM DEMONSTRATION. HE APPARENTLY SAW POSSIBILITY OF TV SPECTACULAR THAT WOULD EXCITE EXPECTATIONS WHICH, IF NOT FULFILLED, WOULD CAUSE POLITICAL PROBLEMS NOT ONLY FOR MANO RIVER UNION PER SE BUT ALSO FOR TWO GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. I NOTED THAT FOLLOW-ON PROGRAMS WILL DEPEND ON WHAT GOVERNMENTS FIND IN DEMO OF USE IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS, AND POINTED OUT THAT OUR MOST IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARE EARLY DECISIONS ON ABOVE MATTERS AS WELL AS DESIGNATION OF EXPERTS WITH WHOM WE CAN BE IN TOUCH SOONEST. BRIGHT PLANS TO

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APPOINT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF MRU TO COORDINATE PLANNING, BUT

DID NOT MENTION ANY NAMES.

3. COMMENT: FROM BRIGHT'S REACTION TO MY PRESENTATION IT APPEARS THAT HE ENVISIONS THAT FOLLOW-ON, AS WELL AS DEMONSTRATION, WILL ALSO FALL UNDER AEGIS OF MRU. HE SEEMED TO REGARD IT AS IMPORTANT THAT FOLLOW-ON PROJECTS HAVE "COMMON" APPLICABILITY. BECAUSE OF CAVEAT IN PARA 11 OF STATE 113800 I DID NOT TAKE THIS POINT UP.
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